

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 424

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A RESOLUTION To recognize Farrell W. Kennedy on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this Legislative Body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Farrell W. Kennedy is one such estimable person who has spent the past 41 years providing quality education to the good people of East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, In July 1960, he began his career as a vocational agricultural teacher in Sunbright; and

WHEREAS, He became Assistant Superintendent/Counselor of the State Area Vocational-Technical School in Oneida in November of 1968; less than one year later, in August of 1969, he was promoted to Superintendent of the school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy accepted the position as Director of Tennessee Technology Center at Harriman in October of 1971 and has been instrumental in the development and progress of the Center's programs ever since; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Farrell Kennedy earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1960 and a Master of Science degree in 1965; in addition, he has completed 27 hours of post-graduate credit in Industrial Education; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, Mr. Kennedy has been an active member of the Lions Club; he was President of the Lions Club for the 1976-77 year and has been the Bulletin Editor since 1986; and

WHEREAS, An active and important part of his community and his profession, he participates in numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Roane County Chamber of Commerce, the American Technical Education Association, and the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Farrell Kennedy has contributed his time and numerous talents to his fellow Tennessee Technology Center Directors, serving as Chairman from 1985-87, and the East Tennessee Vocational Technical Coordinating Council, serving as Chairman for 2000-01; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional educator has also served on numerous accreditation teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council on Occupational Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Mr. Kennedy has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Farrell W. Kennedy our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

